

WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, April 27, 2004

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Durbin, Mr. Walker, Mr. Pons, Mr. Spence. Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Watson were absent. Also present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

ARB #04-047 Wolf/444 Tyler Street – Brick Wall – Approved.

ARB
SIGN #04-023 CWF/Steeps Tea Tavern/110-C South Henry Street –
Directory & Building Mounted Signage – Approved.

ARB
SIGN #04-024 Travelodge/834 Capitol Landing Road – Monument Sign
– Approved.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Pons, Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Watson.

Abstain: Mr. Spence (ARB Sign# 04-023).

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #04-048 Cyphers/624 South Henry Street – Demolition (single-
family dwelling) & Conceptual Review of New single-
family dwelling

Bob Cyphers presented his request to demolish the existing dwelling and for conceptual review for a proposed single-family dwelling at 624 South Henry Street. Mr. Williams noted the application contained a variety of photos to support the demolition.

Mr. Pons asked if anyone lived in the dwelling and Mr. Cyphers replied no since the dwelling was deemed unsafe by the City's Building Official after Hurricane Isabel. Mr. Pons stated that he would be in favor of approving the demolition of this dwelling because, unlike the previous dwelling request for demolition, this dwelling is clearly fit for demolition. Mr. Walker concurred with Mr. Pons and

added he had spoken with Reed Nester, Planning Director, who stated the historical nature of this area had diminished over the years and it is being looked at for redevelopment in the City's Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB #04-048 for demolition.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Pons, Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Watson.

Abstain: None.

Mr. Cyphers presented a conceptual plan of the front elevation for a proposed single-family dwelling and noted it would be similar in style and character to an existing house on South Henry Street. Board members concurred the conceptual front elevation was acceptable but noted all elevations with proposed materials and colors would be required when final plans are submitted for review.

Mr. Walker motioned to conceptually approve ARB #04-048 for the new single-family dwelling.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Pons, Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Watson.

Abstain: None.

SIGNS

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**SIGN #04-025 CWF/The Fat Canary/410 West Duke of Gloucester Street
– Freestanding Sign**

Scott Spence, representing Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and Tom and Mary Ellen Power were present to discuss the application. Mr. Spence stated he was unable to attend the meeting in March due to illness. At that meeting, the Board denied the request and Mr. Spence would like the opportunity to present the following reasons for approval to be granted for the freestanding sign:

- Merchant's Square was designed to be a transition area from the historic area and the College of William and Mary.
- Over the years, several designs of signs were constructed in Merchant's Square to include projecting, post design and building-mounted signs. He presented several pictures depicting the type of signs located in Merchant's Square.
- Edward Chappell, Colonial Williamsburg's Architectural Historian designed the iron work for the sign.

- A photo indicating the actual size and elevation of the proposed sign was submitted showing the sign would not obscure the view of the Merchant's Square streetscape at the proposed location.
- Due to the entrance of the Fat Canary being recessed, a freestanding sign was proposed to locate the entrance for patrons.
- He noted if another pole sign was erected, it would be blocked from view from certain angles because of the "Cheese Shop" sign.

Mr. Power, owner of the "Fat Canary", stated customers are not sure where the restaurant is located since they share the building and patio with the Cheese Shop. The sign was designed at the proposed height so people eating on the patio would not have their view obstructed by the sign.

Mr. Pons stated the height appeared to be the same as the umbrellas and he would be in favor of the request after seeing the actual size of the sign along with other signs in the area. Mr. Walker asked if other signs such as "Special Dinner" would be hung underneath this sign. Mr. Power stated no other signs would be hung from the proposed sign. Mr. Williams noted the additional information submitted with this application clarified concerns raised with the previous application.

Mr. Pons motioned to approve ARB Sign# 04-025 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Durbin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Pons, Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Watson.

Abstain: None.

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The minutes were approved with corrections.

OTHER

Carolyn Murphy noted Reed Nester would be at the next meeting and will be giving a Comprehensive Plan Update for the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer